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**RE: UNITED STATES v. JEFFREY G. VANHALL**

United States Attorney Terrance P. Flynn announced today that Jeffrey G. VanHall, age 45, of Newark, New York, pled guilty before Hon. David G. Larimer, United States District Court Judge, to a felony Information, charging him with one count of filing a false tax return, in violation of Title 26, United States Code, Section 7206(1), carrying a maximum penalty of 3 years imprisonment, a fine of \$250,000, or both.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Tiffany H. Lee, who handled the case, stated that the defendant underreported his income for the tax years 1999 through 2000. For each of those tax years, he would file a federal income tax return that contained a written declaration that it was made under penalties of perjury, knowing that his tax returns were not true and correct as to every material matter. VanHall intentionally provided false information to his return preparers. The defendant falsely claimed certain items were non-business income and falsely claimed that other items were business expenses. The defendant used most of his unreported income for financial benefit, including the elimination of substantial personal debt and expenditures, such as personal vacations, furniture, and vehicles. The defendant attempted to

evade the payment of over \$40,000 in taxes.

The plea was the culmination of an investigation on the part of the Internal Revenue Service-Criminal Investigation Division, under the direction of Anne Marie Coons, Special Agent in Charge.

Sentencing is scheduled for July 10, 2006, in front of the Hon. David G. Larimer.